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SUBJECT: LATVIAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES EXTRADITION TREATY

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On May 24, the Latvian Saeima voted 78-0 to approve the US-Latvia extradition treaty signed in December 2005. This was the second, and final, vote required in Parliament. The legislation will go to President Vike-Freiberga for her signature, which is expected. Following constitutional requirements, Latvia will legally be ready to exchange instruments of ratification by the middle of June, although they will likely wait for US Senate action before preparing the formal documents.

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